

ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (New October 2015)

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PURPOSE

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This policy section outlines the roles and responsibilities of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) personnel regarding AEMT certification.

An AEMT is a California certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with additional training in limited advanced life support. CAL FIRE does not certify AEMTs. Only Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies (LEMSAs) can provide an AEMT certification and advanced scope of practice.

AUTHORITY

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- United States National Highway Safety and Traffic Administration National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards, DOT HS 811 077C, 2010
- California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- California Penal Code, Part 4
- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9
- Governing Local Emergency Medical Services Agency
- National Registry for Emergency Medical Technicians
- American Heart Association

RELATED POLICIES

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- 1800 CAL FIRE Health and Fitness Handbook
- 4000 CAL FIRE Training Handbook
- 4300 CAL FIRE Fire Protection Training Handbook
- 7000 CAL FIRE Fire Operations Handbook
- 7700 CAL FIRE Emergency Incident Management Handbook
- 8500 CAL FIRE Cooperative Fire Services Handbook

RESPONSIBILITIES

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AEMT Certified Employee

- Ensures required EMS training requirements are met (refer to the appropriate CAL FIRE handbook)
- Ensures all training/certification/licensure requirements are met
- Notifies supervisor (employer) regarding any action that may affect EMS certification/licensure

The CAL FIRE EMS Program does not have a statewide AEMT Program. It is the responsibility of the CAL FIRE AEMT to ensure that the requirements, policies and procedures, and advanced scope of practice qualifications set forth by the jurisdictional LEMSAs are met and maintained.

Initial Certification

CAL FIRE public safety employees that function as AEMTs are responsible for meeting the requirements for AEMT initial certification as identified in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3. In order to be eligible for initial AEMT certification, an individual shall:

- Possess a California EMT certificate
- Have an AEMT course completion record
- Pass a competency based written and skills AEMT certifying examination
- Complete the certifying LEMSA application and disclose any certification or licensure action
- Complete the Live Scan process
- Comply with other reasonable requirements, as established by the certifying LEMSA
- Provide proof of affiliation with an approved AEMT and/or pre-existing EMT-II service provider, if requested
- Complete a precertification field evaluation
- Complete additional training as specified by the certifying LEMSA, if applicable
- Comply with any additional requirements set forth by the LEMSA

An individual, who possesses a current California EMT certificate in one or more counties in California, shall be eligible for AEMT certification upon fulfilling requirements in accordance with the CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3.

Information received from a criminal offender record information (CORI) search that may negatively affect employment, certification or licensure must be furnished to the applicant by the Certifying Entity.

Recertification

CAL FIRE public safety employees that function as AEMTs are responsible for recertifying every two years. Information on AEMT certification renewal is found in the CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3 and on EMSA's website found in the 7200 CAL FIRE Emergency Medical Services Handbook, Appendix 1.

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician to Emergency Medical Technician Reciprocity

A currently certified AEMT can be certified as an EMT, unless the AEMT certificate is under suspension, with no further testing required. The EMT certificate shall have the same expiration as the AEMT certificate.

Lapses in Certification

Should an AEMT certification lapse, the following additional EMS continuing education (CE) requirements apply to recertify:

- Lapses less than six months: AEMT refresher course or required CE hours are required for recertification
- Lapses more than six months, but less than 12 months: an additional 12 CE hours (for a total of 48 CE hours) from an approved EMS CE provider are required for recertification
- Lapses more than 12 months, but less than 24 months: an additional 24 CE hours (for a total of 60 CE hours), from an approved EMS CE provider are required and the applicant shall pass the written and skills certification exams for recertification
- Lapses 24 months or more: completion of a full AEMT training course is required for recertification

ALL AEMT applicants should verify with their applicable LEMSA for any additional requirements that may be required for AEMT certification.

For additional information regarding CE requirements, refer to the 7200 CAL FIRE Emergency Medical Services Handbook, Appendix 5.

Allowances for active military personnel that function as AEMTs in California are found in the CCR, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 3.

For additional information regarding AEMT certification, refer to the 7200 CAL FIRE Emergency Medical Services Handbook, Appendix 1 for a link to the LEMSA website(s).

CAL FIRE Supervisor

- Assists AEMT employees with certification process as needed

Unit/Program EMS Coordinator

- Coordinates with Unit/Program AEMTs and LEMSAs to ensure required continuing education and assist with maintenance of certification
- Coordinates with EMS Program staff regarding AEMT issues

Unit Chief/Program Manager

- Ensures AEMTs continue to meet local requirements regarding policy, procedure, and protocol

Region Chief/Deputy Director

- Directs Unit Chief/Program Manager to ensure all public safety personnel meet minimum training standards

EMS Program Staff

- Assists Units/Programs with AEMT related issues and liaisons with Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA)/LEMSAs as needed

EMS Program Training Coordinator

- Assists Unit/Program EMS Coordinators with AEMT issues as needed
- **EMS Program Physician Reviews and recommends approval for EMS refresher curricula and continuing education curricula**

EMS Program Manager

- Ensures EMS Program staff assists Units/Programs as necessary
- Ensures all EMS curricula meets all laws, statutes, regulations, and CAL FIRE policies and procedures.

EMS Chief

- Supervises EMS Program Manager
- Ensures all EMS curricula meets all laws, statutes, regulations, and CAL FIRE policies and procedures.

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